Licences for running telecom services

2472. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of companies have applied for licences for running telecom services in the country;

(b) if so, the details of such companies, area-wise; and

(c) by when these companies would get the licence and start their services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Service area-wise details of the companies who have applied for Unified Access Services (UAS) Licences are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) UAS Licences are granted to the applicant companies under section 4 of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 on fulfillment of the laid down conditions in the guidelines for issue of UAS Licences by the applicant companies. However, no time frame can be fixed in general for decision on grant of licences on these applications due to related issues which need detailed examination. As per present guidelines, the licensee is required to start the services within one year after the grant of the licence.

Statement

Service area-wise list of UAS Licence Applications (Status as on 31.08.2007*)*

Sl.	Name of Service Area	Name of Applicant company
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
2	Andhra Pradesh	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
3	Andhra Pradesh	Parsvnath Developers Limited
4	Andhra Pradesh	Spice Communications Ltd.
5	Andhra Pradesh	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
6	Assam	ByCell Telecomm India Pvt. Ltd.
7	Assam	Cheetah Corporate Services Pvt. Ltd.
8	Assam	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
9	Assam	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
10	Assam	Idea Cellular Ltd.
11	Assam	Parsvnath Developers Limited

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12	Assam	S Tel Ltd.
13	Assam	Spice Communications Ltd.
14	Assam	Tata Teleservices Ltd.
15	Bihar	ByCell Telecomm India Pvt. Ltd.
16	Bihar	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
17	Bihar	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
18	Bihar	Parsvnath Developers Limited
19	Bihar	S Tel Ltd.
20	Bihar	Spice Communications Ltd.
21	Delhi	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
22	Delhi	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
23	Delhi	Parsvnath Developers Limited
24	Delhi	Spice Communications Ltd.
25	Delhi	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
26	Gujarat	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
27	Gujarat	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
28	Gujarat	Parsvnath Developers Limited
29	Gujarat	Spice Communications Ltd.
30	Gujarat	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
31	Haryana	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
32	Haryana	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
33	Haryana	Parsvnath Developers Limited
34	Haryana	Spice Communications Ltd.
35	Haryana	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
36	Himachal Pradesh	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
37	Himachal Pradesh	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
38	Himachal Pradesh	Parsvnath Developers Limited
39	Himachal Pradesh	S Tel Ltd.
40	Himachal Pradesh	Spice Communications Ltd.
41	Jammu and Kashmir	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
42	Jammu and Kashmir	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
43	Jammu and Kashmir	Idea Cellular Ltd.

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44	Jammu and Kashmir	Parsvnath Developers Limited
45	Jammu and Kashmir	S Tel Ltd.
46	Jammu and Kashmir	Spice Communications Ltd.
47	Jammu and Kashmir	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
48	Jammu and Kashmir	Tata Teleservices Ltd.
49	Karnataka	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
50	Karnataka	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
51	Karnataka	Idea Cellular Ltd.
52	Karnataka	Parsvnath Developers Limited
53	Karnataka	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
54	Kerala	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
55	Kerala	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
56	Kerala	Parsvnath Developers Limited
57	Kerala	Spice Communications Ltd.
58	Kerala	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
59	Kolkata	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
60	Kolkata	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
61	Kolkata	Idea Cellular Ltd.
62	Kolkata	Parsvnath Developers Limited
63	Kolkata	Spice Communications Ltd.
64	Madhya Pradesh	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
65	Madhya Pradesh	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
66	Madhya Pradesh	Parsvnath Developers Limited
67	Madhya Pradesh	Spice Communications Ltd.
68	Maharashtra	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
69	Maharashtra	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
70	Maharashtra	Parsvnath Developers Limited
71	Maharashtra	Spice Communications Ltd.
72	Maharashtra	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
73	Mumbai	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
74	Mumbai	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
75	Mumbai	Parsvnath Developers Limited

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76	Mumbai	Spice Communications Ltd.
77	Mumbai	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
78	North-East	ByCell Telecomm India Pvt. Ltd.
79	North-East	Cheetah Corporate Services Pvt. Ltd.
80	North-East	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
81	North-East	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
82	North-East	Idea Cellular Ltd.
83	North-East	Parsvnath Developers Limited
84	North-East	S Tel Ltd.
85	North-East	Spice Communications Ltd.
86	North-East	Tata Teleservices Ltd.
87	Orissa	ByCell Telecomm India Pvt. Ltd.
88	Orissa	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
89	Orissa	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
90	Orissa	Idea Cellular Ltd.
91	Orissa	Parsvnath Developers Limited
92	Orissa	S Tel Ltd.
93	Orissa	Spice Communications Ltd.
94	Punjab	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
95	Punjab	Idea Cellular Ltd.
96	Punjab	Parsvnath Developers Limited
97	Punjab	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
98	Rajasthan	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
99	Rajasthan	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
100	Rajasthan	Parsvnath Developers Limited
101	Rajasthan	Spice Communications Ltd.
102	Rajasthan	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
103	Tamil Nadu (including Chennai Service area)	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
104	Tamil Nadu (including Chennai Service area)	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
105	Tamil Nadu (including Chennai Service area)	Idea Cellular Ltd.

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106	Tamil Nadu (including Chennai Service area)	Parsvnath Developers Limited
107	Tamil Nadu (including Chennai Service area)	Spice Communications Ltd.
108	Tamil Nadu (including Chennai Service area)	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
109	Uttar Pradesh (East)	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
110	Uttar Pradesh (East)	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
111	Uttar Pradesh (East)	Parsvnath Developers Limited
112	Uttar Pradesh (East)	Spice Communications Ltd.
113	Uttar Pradesh (East)	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
114	Uttar Pradesh (West)	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
115	Uttar Pradesh (West)	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
116	Uttar Pradesh (West)	Parsvnath Developers Limited
117	Uttar Pradesh (West)	Spice Communications Ltd.
118	Uttar Pradesh (West)	Swan Telecom Pvt. Ltd.
119	West Bengal	ByCell Telecomm India Pvt. Ltd.
120	West Bengal	Datacom Solutions Pvt. Ltd.
121	West Bengal	HFCL Infotel Ltd.
122	West Bengal	Idea Cellular Ltd.
123	West Bengal	Parsvnath Developers Limited
124	West Bengal	Spice Communications Ltd.

Capping the number of cellular operators

2473. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to cap the number of cellular operators in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;